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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WALTER MORYAN,	}
Plaintiff,	) Civil Action No.:
v.  NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.  Defendant.	COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL  (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

#### **COMPLAINT**

WALTER MORYAN ("Plaintiff"), by his attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.:

#### INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15
 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained therein.
- Defendant conducts business in the State of Pennsylvania and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

- Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).
- 5. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Casselberry, Florida.
- 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, LLC, is a law firm handling debt collection matters with headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, PA 19044.
- 9. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant acted through their agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Defendants began contacting Plaintiff in or around March 2010 regarding a debt allegedly owed to DirecTV.
- 12. Defendant also placed several telephone calls to Plaintiff in an effort to collect this alleged debt; these calls were placed to Plaintiff at times that were inconvenient to Plaintiff and made this known to Defendant.
- 13. Plaintiff repeatedly advised Defendant that he disputed the debt, as he had cancelled DirecTV due to poor quality of the service.
- 14. Notwithstanding the above, Defendant continued to contact Plaintiff, disregarding his explicit statements in an effort to collect the allege debt.
- 15. Plaintiff asked Defendant to stop contacting him each time he was called, because Plaintiff had a limited number of monthly minutes included in his cellular phone

contract, and Defendant's frequent and unwanted calls were unnecessarily depleting them.

- 16. Being on a fixed income, Plaintiff could not afford the cost of paying for additional minutes when his allotted contract time was exhausted.
- 17. Defendant's continued calls and disregard for Plaintiff's limited finances, were upsetting, harassing, abusive, uncalled for and undertaken solely to exert pressure on Plaintiff to pay a disputed bill, or suffer additional cell phone charges.
- 18. Defendant placed the calls to Plaintiff's cell phone, knowing full well that Mr. Moryan cannot afford the calls and needs to conserve the minutes, thereby engaging in harassing and unconscionable conduct to harm Plaintiff.

# CONSTRUCTION OF APPLICABLE LAW

- Durand, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." Russell v. Equifax A.R.S., 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).
- 20. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 et seq., is a remedial statute, it should be construed liberally in favor of the consumer." Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir. 2002).

21. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the "least sophisticated" consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc., 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not "made for the protection of experts, but for the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced." Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

# COUNT I <u>DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE</u> AIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 22. In its actions to collect a disputed debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:
  - a. Communicating with Plaintiff at a time or place known to be inconvenient in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(1).
  - b. Harassing, oppressing or abusing Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d.
  - c. Causing Plaintiff's telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with intent to annoy, abuse, or harass him, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5).
  - d. Using misrepresentations or deceptive means to collect a debt in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10).

- e. Using unfair or unconscionable means to collect a debt in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692f
  - f. Failing within five days after the initial communication with Plaintiff in connection with the collection of the alleged debt to send Plaintiff a written notice containing the amount of the debt; the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed; a statement that unless the consumer, within 30 days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the Defendant; a statement that if the consumer notifies the Defendant within the 30 day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the Defendant would obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the Defendant; and a statement that, upon the consumer's written request, within that 30 day period, the Defendant would provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692g(a).
    - g. By acting in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failing to comply with the FDCPA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, WALTER MORYAN, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual compensatory damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);

- c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1693k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

#### DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, WALTER MORYAN, demands a jury trial in this case.

DATED: 2-4-11

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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